

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An icebreaker for breaking through an ice formed at a channel, comprising

an expandable/shrinkable film body which is disposed along a wall surface of the channel;

a fixing member for fixing the expandable/shrinkable film body to the wall surface; and

an air-supply means for supplying air to between the expandable/shrinkable film body and the wall surface to inflate the expandable/shrinkable film body at the channel inner side.
2. The icebreaker according to claim 1, further comprising a lower film body provided in close contact with the wall surface, wherein the air-supplying means supplies air into between the expandable/shrinkable film body and the lower film body.
3. A channel provided with an ice breaker, comprising:

a channel;

a gate for opening/closing the channel; and

the ice breaker according to claim 1 or 2 disposed near the gate of the channel.